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Over the last few years there has been a significant increase in the number of residents living in Section 8 housing units in the Antelope Valley. Due largely to residents “porting in” with Section 8 vouchers issued by other cities, the influx has put a strain on the County’s Housing Authority ability to screen potential tenants, process applications, and monitor compliance with HUD and County rules and requirements for Section 8 tenants.

Lancaster and Palmdale officials are requesting that the County commit additional resources toward monitoring the large influx of families who receive Section 8 rental subsidies. Local representatives have expressed their desire to have an additional investigator added to the Housing Authority dedicated exclusively to the Antelope Valley. Because this additional investigator would likely address issues in unincorporated areas as well as in Lancaster and Palmdale, it makes sense to consider a pooling of resources to secure additional staff.

The Section 8 program is a valued program that serves many needy County residents. It is nevertheless critical that the Housing Authority closely monitor these units to insure that rules are being followed and that there are no adverse impacts upon local communities. Based upon information provided by the Housing Authority, law enforcement representatives, and local city officials, it is evident that additional resources are required to address these issues.

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I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct the Executive Director of the Housing Authority of the County of Los Angeles to assess the staffing needs of its investigation unit assigned to the Antelope Valley, consult with the cities of Lancaster and Palmdale to discuss pooling resources to finance the addition of at least one County housing investigator assigned to the Antelope Valley, work with the Chief Administrative Officer to identify County resources to finance additional staff, and report back to the Board with the Housing Authority's findings and/or recommendations within 30 days.

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